GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1702
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000
SCHEME TO UNEARTH BLACK MONEY
M.V.CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission propose to introduce a scheme to unearth black money and benami holdings by public servants;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) the extent to which the scheme is likely to curb corruption amongst public servants in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHRA RAJE)

(a), (b) & (c): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1702 FOR ANSWER ON AUGUST 2, 2000

(a), (b) & (c): The Central Vigilance Commission has circulated a scheme namely `Benami Black Money Scheme` on 12th July,2000 inviting the members of the public to report to it the matter regarding possession of black money or disproportionate assets by public servants which after scrutiny, if considered sufficient, will be forwarded by the Commission to the Central Bureau of Investigation/Income Tax Department. In suitable cases, the Commission may also advise the concerned authorities to move applications under the Criminal Law Amendment Act Ordinance, 1944 for confiscation of ill gotten money. The informants would also be eligible for suitable rewards directly from the Central Bureau of Investigation/Income Tax Department under their respective schemes wherein those who give information leading to successful unearthing of black money and benami properties, are suitably rewarded. The scheme also cautions the complainants against furnishing information which they know or believe to be false attracting provison of Section 182 of Indian Penal Code.This, according to the Commission, will act as a deterrent to corruption apart from ensuring that only genuine cases are reported.